

June 25, 1971

Mr. William Rogers,
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution of the United States provides:

... " No title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States:
And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them,
shall, without the consent of ^{the} Congress, accept of any present,
Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from
any King, Prince, or foreign state".

On June 23, 1971 the foreign state of Thailand awarded to General
Creighton W. Abrams the "Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant". I think
that General Abrams is due the "White Elephant" award but that it should not
be given from Thailand. I think that is against the Constitution of the nation
(if we still have one).

I have decided that the American people should make their own "White
Elephant" award. Consequently on behalf of the American people I am prepared
to award the "White Elephant" to the following Americans for their contribution
to disaster in Indo-China:

LYNDON B. JOHNSON
WALT W. ROSTOW
McGEORGE BUNDY
MAXWELL TAYLOR

DEAN RUSK
HAROLD JOHNSON
GEN. WHEELER
HENRY CABOT LODGE

ROBERT S. McNAMARA
RICHARD M NIXON
WILLIAM P. ROGERS
MELVIN LAIRD

GENERAL WILLIAM WESTMORELAND

It will be appreciated if you will Notify these Americans they have been selected
to receive the "Most Exalted Award Of The White Elephant" from the American people
for their contributions to disaster.

Sincerely,

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June 25, 1971

Embassy of the Kingdom of Thailand
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

It was with great glee that I read in the newspapers datelined June 23, 1971 from Bangkok, that Thailand has awarded the "MOST EXALTED ORDER OF the WHITE ELEPHANT" to General Creighton Abrams, United States Army. I submit however, that Thailand has omitted awarding the "White Elephant" to other deserving Americans and I submit the following list of persons now or formerly members of the American Government who are justly deserving of the "White Elephant Award". However, in submitting this list I point out that the award of the "White Elephant" in the United States does not mean what I suspect it means in Thailand, and the names I now submit for the "White Elephant Award" are submitted on the meaning of "White Elephant" in the United States rather than the meaning of same in Thailand. It will be appreciated if you will award the "White Elephant" to the following! (American intent):

LYNDON B. JOHNSON
WALT W. ROSTOW
McGEORGE BUNDY
DEAN RUSK
GEN. HAROD JOHNSON
MAXWELL TAYLOR

GENERAL WHEELER
HENRY CABOT LODGE
GEN. WILLIAM WESTMORELAND
ROBERT S. McNAMARA
RICHARD M. NIXON
WILLIAM P. ROGERS

MELVIN LAIRD

Sen. Gale McGee, Henry M. Jackson, John Stennis, (U.S. Senate Members)

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Dear Mr. Woolard:

Your letter of March 10, 1970 to the Secretary of State was referred to this office for consideration.

We, of course, do not anticipate that at the end of the Vietnam war a war crimes trial of American officials similar to the Nuremberg trials will be held. Therefore, in answer to your specific question, there is no "machinery", as you call it, for dealing with this problem, or, rather, non-problem.

Sincerely yours,

s/ STANLEY N. FUTTERMAN
Assistant Legal Adviser for
East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

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